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SUBJ: IAEA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN US

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1. HAMMOND REPORTS THAT INITIAL MEETING OF FELLOWSHIP PANELS HELD, BUT THAT FIGURES NOT RPT NOT YET CONCLUSIVE. THERE WILL BE INCREASE OF ABOUT 10 TYPE I (IAEA-FUNDED) FELLOWSHIPS OVER TOTAL FOR 1973, BUT HE NOT YET AWARE HOW MANY OF THESE WILL STUDY IN US. AGENCY NOW HAS POTENTIAL FIRM CANDIDATES FOR MOST OR ALL OF APPROXIMATELY 55 TYPE II FELLOWSHIPS WHICH US HAS AGREED, SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, TO PROVIDE, ALTHOUGH FEW OF THESE MAY BE REPLACED BY OTHERS DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE COURSE OF STUDY IN US, AS USUAL.

2. WITH REGARD TO ADDITIONAL TYPE II FELLOWSHIPS WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED WITH FUNDS RELEASED BY ELIMINATION OF US-HOSTED TRAINING COURSES DURING 1974, HAMMOND STATED HE WILL HAVE FIRM CANDIDATES FOR AT LEAST SOME OF THESE. HOWEVER, HE IS OF PERSONAL (HE STRESSED PERSONAL) OPINION THAT SOME COULD PROBABLY BE LET GO WITH RELATIVE MINIMUM OF PAIN IF USG WISHED DEVOTE FUNDS TO OTHER PURPOSES, INCLUDING PROVISION COST-FREE EXPERT SERVICES.

3. HAMMOND STATED THAT EXACT NUMBER OF 8 POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL TYPE II FELLOWSHIPS WHICH AGENCY COULD USE WITH MAXIMUM BENEFIT WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL LATER; AS UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPT/AEC AWARE, DESPITE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION TO

AGENCY, FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS CONTINUE TO COME IN UNTIL WELL INTO YEAR, AND AGENCY DOES MAKE ATTEMPT TO CONSIDER THESE TO MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE WITHIN ITS EXISTING PROCEDURES AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

4. HAMMOND WILL ATTEMPT TO FIRM UP FINANCIAL PLAN FOR YEAR, INCLUDING BOTH TYPE I AND TYPE II FELLOWS FOR STUDY IN US AND SCIENTIFIC VISITS, BY ABOUT MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY. HE SAID THAT IF CURRENT PATTERN CONTINUES FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS, TOTAL OF ALL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO AGENCY COULD FALL AS MUCH AS 10-15 PER CENT BELOW NUMBER RECEIVED LAST YEAR, AND THAT THIS PLUS INCREASE IN AVAILABLE FELLOWSHIPS OF ALL TYPES MADE IT LIKELY THAT ALL OR ALMOST ALL TRULY SOUND REQUESTS COULD BE MET. HE WILL SUPPLY US WITH FIGURES INCLUDING BEST ESTIMATE FOR UTILIZATION OF 8 ADDITIONAL TYPE II WHICH COULD POTENTIALLY BE AVAILABLE, AT THAT TIME. PORTER

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